

Please REPLACE paragraph [0029], as follows:

During the attachment of the connector box 53 to the personal computer 1 (i.e., to the lower housing 5), the connector section 55, provided on the front surface of the connector box 53, is engaged with the common connector 51 on the rear surface of the personal computer 1 so that the rear surface of the personal computer 1 and the front surface of the connector box 53 are wholly or substantially brought into surface-contact with each other. At this time, the threaded rods, or shafts, 63 projected from the respective sides of the front surface of the connector box 53 just confront female threaded sections (fastening sections) 77 (see Fig. 2B) provided at corresponding positions on the rear surface of the personal computer 1. More specifically, the thread section of the threaded rod 63 is pushed into the main body 65 against a biasing force of the compression coil spring 67 in the main body 65 of the fastener 61, while being fittingly in contact with the female thread section 77 (that is, while maintaining a state to be easily engageable with the female thread 30 section 77).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

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1. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) A detachable connector unit for an electronic apparatus comprising:
a housing;
a plurality of first connectors mounted in the housing affording connections to respective peripheral units;

a second connector mounted in the housing and affording a detachable connection to the electronic apparatus; and

a pair of fasteners incorporated in the connector unit with said first connectors arranged therebetween, operable independently of each other to detachably fix the housing to the electronic apparatus, the length of the housing with the fasteners incorporated therein being substantially equal to the overall length of the detachable connector unit.

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3. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) A detachable connector unit for an electronic apparatus comprising:

a plurality of first connectors affording connections to respective peripheral units;
a second connector detachably connectable to the electronic apparatus; and

a pair of fastener units, operable independently of each other to detachably fix the detachable connector unit to the electronic apparatus, mounted in the vicinity of respective, spaced end walls of the detachable connector unit and each having an operating part projecting outwardly from a corresponding recess in the respective end wall.

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4. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) The detachable connector unit of claim 3, wherein each said fastener comprises a threaded shaft projecting outwardly from a front surface of the detachable connector unit.

5. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) The detachable connector unit of claim 4, wherein each said fastener further comprises a fastener housing, connected to the connector unit and having an interior, and a coil spring within the interior urging the threaded shaft outwardly from the front surface of the detachable connector unit.

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7. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) A detachable connector unit for an electronic apparatus, comprising:

a housing having front and rear surfaces and a height no greater than a thickness of the electronic apparatus;

a plurality of first connectors, accessible at the rear surface of the housing, detachably connectable to respective peripheral units;

a second connector mounted on the front surface of the housing and detachably connectable to a mating, third connector mounted on a rear surface of the electronic apparatus by positioning the housing with the front surface thereof in parallel, spaced relationship with the rear surface of the electronic housing and with the second connector aligned with the mating, third connector and moving the housing in a direction toward the rear surface of the electronic housing so as to position the respective, parallel surfaces in contiguous relationship and thereby to connect the second and third connectors;

a pair of fasteners mounted in the housing with said first connectors arranged therebetween and having respective fastening shafts extending resiliently from, and transversely to, the front surface of the housing and disposed therein so as to be aligned with corresponding mating fasteners in the rear surface of the electronic apparatus, when the respective second and third connectors are aligned; and

the fastening shafts being resiliently biased by the corresponding fasteners to project

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from the front surface of the housing and being operable independently of each other to contact and resiliently engage the corresponding mating fasteners in the rear surface of the electronic apparatus and, by rotation of the fastening shafts, to be securely engaged therewith to maintain the contiguous relationship of the respective, parallel surfaces.

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9. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) The detachable connector unit of claim 7, wherein:

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each fastening shaft has a screw thread on at least a first portion thereof projecting from the front surface of the housing and an integral second portion extending into the fasteners; and

the fastener receives the second portion of the fastening shaft, resiliently biasing same to normally project from the front surface of the housing and to be retracted therein, within a limited extent of axial movement of the fastening shaft.

10. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) The detachable connector unit of claim 9, wherein each fastening shaft furthermore has an enlarged disk disposed thereon, of a diameter greater than the diameter of the shaft and disposed so as to render an arcuate portion of the disk accessible through an opening in the respective end wall of the housing for manual rotation by an operator.

11. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) The detachable connector unit of claim 9, wherein:

each mating fastener is a mating, female threaded unit receiving the threaded end of the respective fastening shaft.

12. (AS NEW HEREIN) A combination, comprising:

an electronic apparatus, comprising:

an apparatus housing having a surface defining a width of the apparatus housing and a height corresponding to a thickness of the housing, and

a common connector disposed in the surface; and

a detachable connector unit for the electronic apparatus, comprising:

a connector housing having a corresponding width,

a plurality of first connectors mounted in the housing affording connections to

respective peripheral units,

a second connector mounted in the housing and affording a detachable connection to the electronic apparatus, and

a pair of fasteners incorporated in the connector unit with said first connectors arranged therebetween, operable independently of each other to detachably fix the housing to the electronic apparatus, the length of the housing with the fasteners incorporated therein being substantially equal to the overall length of the detachable connector unit.

13. (AS NEW HEREIN) The detachable connector unit of claim 12, wherein the fastener unit comprises a threaded shaft for connecting the housing to the electronic apparatus, the threaded shaft projecting outwardly from a frontal surface of the detachable connector unit.

14. (AS NEW HEREIN) A combination, comprising:
an electronic apparatus, comprising:

an apparatus housing having a surface defining a width of the apparatus housing and a height corresponding to a thickness of the housing, and

a common connector disposed in the surface; and
a detachable connector unit for the electronic apparatus, comprising:

a connector housing having a corresponding width,
a plurality of first connectors affording connections to respective peripheral units,
a second connector detachably connectable to the electronic apparatus, and
a pair of fastener units, operable independently of each other to detachably fix the detachable connector unit to the electronic apparatus, mounted in the vicinity of respective, spaced end walls of the detachable connector unit and each having an operating part projecting outwardly from a corresponding recess in the respective end wall.

15. (AS NEW HEREIN) The detachable connector unit of claim 14, wherein each said fastener comprises a threaded shaft projecting outwardly from a front surface of the detachable connector unit.

16. (AS NEW HEREIN) The detachable connector unit of claim 15, wherein each

said fastener further comprises a fastener housing, connected to the connector unit and having an interior, and a coil spring within the interior urging the threaded shaft outwardly from the front surface of the detachable connector unit.

17. (AS NEW HEREIN) A combination, comprising:
an electronic apparatus, comprising:

a connector housing having a surface defining a width of the housing and a height corresponding to a thickness of the housing and a corresponding width, and
a common connector disposed in the surface; and

a detachable connector unit for the electronic apparatus, comprising:

a housing having front and rear surfaces and a height no greater than a thickness of the electronic apparatus,

a plurality of first connectors, accessible at the rear surface of the housing, detachably connectable to respective peripheral units,

a second connector mounted on the front surface of the housing and detachably connectable to a mating, third connector mounted on a rear surface of the electronic apparatus by positioning the housing with the front surface thereof in parallel, spaced relationship with the rear surface of the electronic housing and with the second connector aligned with the mating, third connector and moving the housing in a direction toward the rear surface of the electronic housing so as to position the respective, parallel surfaces in contiguous relationship and thereby to connect the second and third connectors,

a pair of fasteners mounted in the housing with said first connectors arranged therebetween and having respective fastening shafts extending resiliently from, and transversely to, the front surface of the housing and disposed therein so as to be aligned with corresponding mating fasteners in the rear surface of the electronic apparatus, when the respective second and third connectors are aligned, and

the fastening shafts being resiliently biased by the corresponding fasteners to project from the front surface of the housing and being operable independently of each other to contact and resiliently engage the corresponding mating fasteners in the rear surface of the electronic apparatus and, by rotation of the fastening shafts, to be securely engaged therewith to maintain the contiguous relationship of the respective, parallel surfaces.